**A Study on the Status of S.Cs and S.Ts in Services of Union Territories and States**

2456. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by Government to assess the status of S.Cs and S.Ts in the services of the Union Territories and States;

(b) if so, the details of different trends noticed by Government regarding employment of S.C./S.T.s in the Union Territories and States;

(c) if reply to (a) be in negative, what steps Government propose to take with a view to provide equitable and fair employment opportunities to those S.Cs/S.Ts who have never acquired the benefits of Government policy relating to employment;

(d) whether Government would conduct the study on the status of S.Cs/S.Ts in the services of Union Territories and States; and

(e) if so, by what time will it prepare such a report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) The Commissioned for SC and STs in some of his Annual Reports presents, after conducting a study, the position regarding the status of SC and STs in services under the States and Union Territories. These Reports are presented to Parliament. The National Commission on SC and ST also conducts similar studies. It is for the respective State Govts. to take steps to provide equitable and fair employment opportunities to those SC/ST who have never acquired the benefit of Govt. policy relating to employment.

**Open Sale of UPSC Answer Books**

2457. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in Hindi Newspaper "Nov Bharat Times" dated 27th February, 1992, regarding open sale of UPSC answer books relating to IAS and IPS Examinations on high premium; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to check malpractices and to identify the racket involved herein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been carefully inquired into by the UPSC and no malpractice which would compromise the ntegrity and confidentiality of the current Civil Services (Main) Examination has come to notice. The blank answer books are common for a number of Union Public Service Commission conducted examinations and these are as such treated as examination stationary only, and are not confidential documents. Also the specimen reproduced in the "Nav Bharat Times" of 27th February, 1992 does not bear the distinquishing notations that are put by he Union Public Service Commission Office on such answer books before use for the Civil Services (Main) Examination, and there is, therefore, no substance in the allegation that the reproduced answer books related to this examination.

**Appointment of Members of UPSC**

2458. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names, addresses, qualifications and the dates of appointment of the present members of Union Public Service Commission;